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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EXCESS BAGGAGE RULES

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1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF FEDERAL
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT REACTION TO CAB STATEMENT ON EXCESS
BAGGAGE CHARGES:

REARRANGEMENT OF EXCESS BAGGAGE CHARGES BY THE CAB.
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHARES IN PRINCIPLE THE OPINION
OF THE CAB THAT THE SYSTEM OF EXCESS BAGGAGE CHARGES

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MUST BE REVISED. HOWEVER, A REARRANGEMENT MUST BE
AGREED UPON BY THE AIRLINES WITH IATA OR, IF

NECESSARY, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS UNDER BILATERAL AIR
TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS. IN DOING SO, IT MUST BE TAKEN
INTO ACCOUNT THAT EXCESS BAGGAGE CHARGES ARE CLOSELY
RELATED TO FREE-BAGGAGE LIMITS AND TO FARE TARIFFS.
IN OUR OPINION, A PART OF SUCH A COHESIVE SYSTEM CANNOT
BE BROKEN OUT UNILATERALLY WITHOUT INFLUENCING THE
PROFITABILITY OF THE AIR SERVICES OF THE COMPANIES ON
BOTH SIDES. THE IATA SHOULD RATHER BE GIVEN A REALISTIC
PERIOD OF TIME FOR REVISION OF THE WHOLE SYSTEM.
TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER EUROPEANS, THE FEDERAL GOVERN-
MENT IS THEREFORE OF THE OPINION THAT THE IATA SHOULD
BE GIVEN UNTIL MARCH 31, 1977 FOR THIS PURPOSE AND THAT
THE STATUS QUO SHOULD BE APPLICABLE UNTIL THAT TIME.

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2. THE FMT REPLY IS A POLITE VERSION OF THE VIEW STRONGLY
HELD BY FMT OFFICIALS AND BY OFFICERS OF LUFTHANSA THAT
THE CAB ACTED IN AN ARBITRARY AND IMPROPERLY UNILATERAL
MANNER AND SHOULD HAVE ALLOWED US MEMBERS OF IATA TO
WORK FOR US OBJECTIVES WITHIN THAT ORGANIZATION.
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